



# BIOGRAPHY

## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### GENERAL JOHN P. JUMPER



Gen. John P. Jumper is chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. As chief, he serves as the senior uniformed Air Force officer responsible for the organization, training and equipping of 700,000 active-duty, Guard, Reserve and civilian forces serving in the United States and overseas. As a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he and the other service chiefs function as military advisers to the secretary of defense, National Security Council and the president.

The general was born in Paris, Texas. He earned his commission as a distinguished graduate of Virginia Military Institute's ROTC program in 1966. The general has commanded a fighter squadron, two fighter wings, a numbered Air Force, and U.S. Air Forces in Europe and Allied Air Forces Central Europe. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as commander of Air Combat Command at Langley Air Force Base, Texas.

The general has also served at the Pentagon as deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, as the senior military assistant to two secretaries of defense, and as special assistant to the chief of staff for roles and missions. A command pilot with 4,000 flying hours, principally in fighter aircraft, the general served two tours in Southeast Asia, accumulating more than 1,400 combat hours.

### EDUCATION:

1966 Bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, Virginia Military Institute, Lexington

1975 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1978 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

1979 Master of business administration degree, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, Calif.

1982 National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1966 - July 1967, student pilot, 3550th Student Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.

2. July 1967 - September 1967, C-7 upgrade training, Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn.

3. October 1967 - October 1968, C-7 pilot, 459th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Phu Cat Air Base, South Vietnam

4. November 1968 - July 1969, F-4 upgrade training, 431st Tactical Fighter Squadron, George Air Force Base, Calif.

5. July 1969 - May 1970, instructor pilot, weapons officer, fast forward air controller, 555th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand

6. June 1970 - July 1974, instructor pilot, flight examiner and standardization and evaluation chief, 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, Royal Air Force Bentwaters, England

7. July 1974 - August 1977, flight instructor, flight commander, U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

8. August 1977 - June 1978, student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

9. June 1978 - August 1981, staff officer, operations and readiness, Tactical Division, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

10. August 1981 - July 1982, student, National War College, Fort Lesley J. McNair, Washington, D.C.
11. July 1982 - February 1983, chief of safety, 474th Tactical Fighter Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
12. March 1983 - July 1983, commander, 430th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
13. July 1983 - August 1986, special assistant and executive officer to the commander, Headquarters Tactical Air Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
14. August 1986 - February 1988, vice commander, later commander, 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.
15. February 1988 - May 1990, commander, 57th Fighter Weapons Wing, Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.
16. June 1990 - April 1992, deputy director, politico-military affairs, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, the Joint Staff, Washington, D.C.
17. May 1992 - February 1994, senior military assistant to the secretary of defense, Washington, D.C.
18. February 1994 - July 1994, special assistant to the Air Force chief of staff for roles and missions, Washington, D.C.
19. August 1994 - June 1996, commander, 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces, Shaw Air Force Base, S.C.
20. June 1996 - November 1997, deputy chief of staff for air and space operations, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.
21. December 1997 - February 2000, commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe, and commander, Allied Air Forces Central Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany
22. February 2000 - present, commander, Headquarters Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
23. September 2001 - present, chief of staff, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Washington, D.C.

## **FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: 4,000

Aircraft flown: C-7, C-20, T-37, T-38, F-4, F-15 and F-16

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Distinguished Service Medal with oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Service Medal

Defense Superior Service Medal

Legion of Merit with oak leaf cluster

Distinguished Flying Cross with two oak leaf clusters

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with 17 oak leaf clusters

Vietnam Service Medal with five service stars

Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

Second Lieutenant	Jun 12, 1966
First Lieutenant	Dec 12, 1967
Captain	Jun 12, 1969
Major	Jan 1, 1978
Lieutenant Colonel	Oct 1, 1980
Colonel	Oct 1, 1985
Brigadier General	Aug 1, 1989
Major General	Feb 1, 1992
Lieutenant General	Sep 1, 1994
General	Nov 17, 1997

(Current as of September 2001)